

HANDOUT #1

Community Members Complain About Dogs

ZELLER, IDAHO - Residents of this small town seem to have a dog problem on their hands. Several community members are complaining about the large number of dogs some people in Zeller own. They say the dogs bark all the time. They also complain that many get loose and wander the streets.

“There’s too many dogs in this town,” said Bob Brown. “They are running all over the place.”

“A lot of us love having lots of dogs,” says Mary Peterson. “They keep us company and are part of our family.”

The mayor of Zeller has reported that some people own as many as fifteen dogs.

At a recent Town Council meeting, angry residents told the mayor and council that they had better do something about the dog problem.

Describe in your own words the problem in the town of Zeller.

How could the problem be summarized in a question?

Describe the point of view of these two people who live in Weller:

Bob Brown:

Mary Peterson:

Public Issue Overhead

Public Issue: Should the town council of Zeller have a law that limits the number of dogs people can own?

YES	NO

Dog Law Overhead

No more than three (3) dogs, four (4) months or older, can be kept per household without receiving Special Approval through the Planning Commission for a kennel.

- Waterford Township, Michigan